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To: JudTestimony
Subject: Desmond's Law

Good afternoon,

I implore you, my representatives, to enact and enforce HB-5344, also known as **Desmond's Law**. Working in rescue, the increase I see in violence toward animals is highly escalating in a very fast and short period of time. The neglect, abuse, beatings, torture and murder of innocent animals must be addressed and the guardians/owners/care takers must be held accountable by imposing high/large fines (additional income for the state), and long term jail sentences. These criminals must be severely punished.

Years of studies have shown a direct correlation of animal abuse/torture/murder to not only domestic violence towards humans, but also towards murder of humans. So if you're not too concerned about animals, look to what this behavior will lead towards in the violent individual who abuses, tortures, and kills animals. Once they lose that "thrill" they move on to the "fragile" population of humans... the children and the elderly. Once they lose that "thrill", they move on to the general population.

PLEASE Pass this HB-5344. It will make a huge difference in the future for both animal and human life.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kelly Roberto